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1. The extreme scarcity of commodities and increasing open criticism of shops, restaurants and meeting places of the "closed" or "privilege" type appears to be leading to their suppression by the Yugoslav Government. A plan to this end is already being formed. The special shops for the Yugoslav Army have been informed that as from the beginning of 1951 the shops will only be provided with such articles as are in common supply. It is not known what action will be taken in the case of special shops and establishments used by the UDB and high officials.
2. There has recently been a considerable reduction in the number of newspapers printed. Printing of periodicals and special journals has been reduced ten to twenty percent of normal production or has ceased altogether. That of the large dailies such as Politika and Borba has fallen thirty to forty percent of normal. As a result, supplies of newspapers on sale are exhausted in the early morning and lines of intending purchasers are quite common.
3. The use of newspapers for wrapping has caused the prices of second-hand papers to rise to two and one-half times the price when new. Some news stands sell off their entire supply as wrapping paper.

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